

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKING MEETING
MARCH 3, 2014
TOWN HALL
6:15 PM**

Board Members Present: Rene C. Wood, Clerk
David A. Smith Jr.

Members Absent: Julie M. Hannum, Chairman

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Alicia Dulin, Assistant to Town Administrator
Jeff Browne, Council on Aging
Kathy Staropoli, Council on Aging

Selectman Wood called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM

Jeff Browne and Kathy Staropoli from the Council on Aging presented a proposal for a full time Senior Center Director. Mr. Brown explained that the role of the Senior Center has changed. He stated that the Senior Center Director now does a lot of outreach and between outreach and programming there is a need for a full time Senior Center Director. It was the consensus of the Board to discuss the issue further at a future meeting.

Jeff Brown and Kathy Staropoli left the meeting at 6:40 PM

Administrator LaBombard explained that Fire Chief Richard Boardman Jr. has submitted a list of equipment that he hopes to purchase for the Fire Department in FY15. Administrator LaBombard stated that she has applied for a grant to purchase some of the equipment and suggested using the Berkshire School gift account money to purchase the rest of the equipment. Discussion ensued. Selectman Wood stated that a policy for how the Berkshire School gift money is used still needs to be written. Selectman Smith moved to fund the new Fire Department equipment using money from the Berkshire School gift account not to exceed \$35,000 and send Berkshire School a letter thanks and state what was purchased with the money, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Labombard explained that the Board of Health has submitted a letter recommending the Berkshire Health Alliance for FY15. She stated that there is still some question on the services provided by the Berkshire Health Alliance versus the Visiting Nurse Association. It was the consensus of the Board to ask the Board of Health for clarification on what the Berkshire Health Alliance is offering for services compared to what is being offered by the Visiting Nurse Association.

Administrator LaBombard and Selectman Wood brought Selectman Smith up to date on the \$20,000 in the Board of Selectmen budget for Economic Development. Selectman Wood stated that she would like to wait until the full Board is present before further discussion.

Administrator LaBombard state that she received a call from Sonya Gray at MassDOT. She stated that the MassDOT would like to know how the Town would like to handle the sidewalk on the Route 7 bridge just North of the Village Green. MassDOT stated that the sidewalk seems to go nowhere, so

it could be removed or other options could be discussed. Selectman Wood stated that she would like to talk with MassDOT about this before making a decision because she has some questions.

Selectman Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Wood adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Dulin
Assistant to Town Administrator

Documents reviewed at this meeting:
Fire Department New Equipment List
Proposed Senior Center Budget FY15
Proposal for Full Time Senior Center Director